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CELEBRATION OF MIDNIGHT MASS PRESENTS COLORFUL PAGEANT IN ARCHABBEY CHURCH

The celebration of Christmas at St. Vincent presented a colorful pageant of liturgical grandeur and century-old monastic customs. Hundreds of people from various localities thronged the Archabbey Church to participate in the Christmas services.

Midnight Mass Heads Celebration

At twelve o'clock the Rt. Rev. Archabbot accompanied by many officers and attendants approached the altar to pontificate at a Solemn High Mass. Splendor and awe were the predominant notes struck by the solemnity of ceremonies, the beauty of the chant, and the glittering array of golden vestments. The Rt. Rev. Archabbot's cortege suggested the pomp of the medieval church services, while the artistic decoration of the altar was in harmony with the dignity of the occasion. The liturgy expressed the twofold sentiment of the monastery and its adjunct parish.

Many Assist Archabbot

The entire company of attendants was composed of the members of the community. The St. Vincent Parish was also represented in the Archabbot's train. The Very Rev. Prior served as archpriest, while the Very Rev. Subprior and the Rev. Victor Lillig, O.S.B., were deacons of honor at the pontifical services. Acting in behalf of the Parish the Rev. Pastor, Father Gregory McAtee, and the assistant pastor, Rev. Anthony Stromovich, O.S.B., assisted as Deacon and Subdeacon of the Mass. The Rev. Otto Wendell, O.S.B., and the Ven. Fr. Austin Staley, O.S.B., assisted as Masters of Ceremonies. The Fratres Clerics of the Monastery attended as lesser ministers at the Pontifical functions.

Archabbey Choir Sings

The spirit of past centuries was revived in the rendition of the age-old chant of the Church. The St. Vincent Archabbey Choir interpreted the Gregorian chant with artistic expression in its sonorous melodies and adorous swells. The choir was directed by the Rev. ColumbanGross, O.S.B. Several German hymns were sung in two voices by the choir, moreover a special *schola* entirely selected from the Clericate rendered the more difficult parts of the First Mass of Christmas.

Archabbot Preaches Sermon

The sermon of the Mass was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Archabbot. The attention of the people was fastened upon the Rt. Rev. Archabbot vested in complete abbatial attire as he addressed them from the sanctuary. His message was the importance of peace among men. Father Archabbot spoke on the peace that the feast of Christmas brings to the hearts of men. He enumerated various kinds of peace, and stressed that peace that must exist among individuals and nations, the standard of which the Eucharistic Prince came upon earth (*Continued, pg. 6*)

ORA ET LABORA

Glee Club And Orchestra Give Xmas Entertainment

On the evening of Dec. 16 an informal Christmas program was staged in the auditorium featuring the Glee Club, the Golden Revelers Orchestra, and Nicholas J. Campbell, Jr., as master of ceremonies. The occasion marked this year's first public performance of an orchestra and and the Glee Club under the direction of the Rev. Columban Gross, O.S.B., and the ovations given both to the performers and to the director were a clear indication of the audience's approval of the program.

GLEE CLUB SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

The Glee Club, the main attraction of the program, showed a marked improvement over past performances, probably due to the fact that its members are nearly all experienced. The five selections rendered by the group were "Brothers in Song," "Duna," "Mulligan Musketeers," "In A Persian Market," and the "Soldiers' Chorus."

SOLOISTS ARE OUTSTANDING

Four solos, two piano and two vocal, received the undivided attention and applause of the large audience. The vocal solos, "A Son of the Desert," by Charles Woods, and "I Got Plenty of Nuttin'," by Robert Cody evoked well-deserved encores. The piano solos, a classical rendition by Terrence Palmer, and an interpretation of the popular song "Stardust" by Jerome Curtin, helped make the program so diversified that it was enjoyed by both the lover of classical music and the devotee of modern tunes.

At the close of the program the Very Rev. Prior delivered a short address stressing the religious side of the coming Christmas season. Following the speech, group singing of Christmas songs, in which the audience was invited to participate, brought the program to a spirited close.

NICHOLAS J. CAMPBELL, JR., FEATURED

Latent ability and a magnetic stage personality were brought to the fore in the person of Nicholas J. Campbell, Jr., who for the first time during his variegated career at St. Vincent took over the reins as master of ceremonies. His glib repartee between selections, and his intimate acquaintance with the works of Wagner, Rimsky-Korsikof, et alia, helped immensely in rounding out the program.

The members of the Glee Club include Michael Dannecker, Bruno Hartung, Norbert Paine, Edward Zmyslinski, Jos. Patrick, David Branch, Andrew Dudas, Robert Boyle, Guy Segatti, Robert Cody, John Phillips, Charles Woods, Robert McDaniel, Chas. Fries, James Cavada, Nicholas Nescot, Richard LaVia.

The Golden Revelers Orchestra is composed of the following College students: William Sipe, Dale Madden, Edward Zmys'inski, Anthony Andolina, William McGee, Joseph Robino, Michael Ross, Joseph Valentino, James Cavada, Jerome Curtin, and Albert Ransel.

Numerous students were unable to join the Glee Club because of other activities, predominantly football. Fr. Columban expects new members to be present after the holidays.

Coach Rafferty Lines Up Bearkitten Cagers Of 1937

Under the tutelage of Coach Bill Rafferty, the Prep Bearkitten basketball squad has begun practice for what promises to be its most successful basketball season in history. Practice began on Dec. 1, with approximately fourteen men on the squad.

Seven members of last year's squad have returned. Five of these veterans are lettermen. There are several promising newcomers to the ranks. The squad includes Glenn, Koontz, Robinson, Johnston, D'Alessio, Farrell, and Hirt from last year's team. Dailey, Mulvihill, Vornholt, Whelan, DeLallo, and Dunn are the newcomers.

HAD 8-GAME RUN

The Bearkittens finished last season's schedule with a record of eight consecutive victories. Fifteen games were won altogether, and there were five losses. The Prepsters hope to maintain their record of consecutive victories this year.

Although the 1937 schedule has not been fully made up, Father Norbert, director of prep athletics, announced that one of the highlights of the coming season will be the game with Ligonier, on Jan. 8, at which time the new Ligonier High School Gym will be dedicated. The preliminary to the St. Vincent–Youngstown game at Greensburg will be contested with Greensburg High.

NEW EQUIPMENT THIS YEAR

The Prepsters have received an entirely new batch of equipment, including sweat suits. They will present the finest appearance on the floor that has yet been made by a Bearkitten squad.

Debate At B. & P.W. Meeting Spirited And Humorous

In a spirited and highly humorous debate colored by good-natured rivalry, four members of the College Debate Club discussed the subject of bridge *pro* and *con* before the Business & Professional Women's Club of Latrobe in the Hotel Miller on Dec. 17. This was the first of a series of debates scheduled to take place before social or religious organizations in this vicinity, and considering that it was also the first time that two of the debaters participated in College forensics, the representatives of the local club showed a thorough knowledge of the subject, "RESOLVED: *That Bridge, Auction or Contract, Does More Harm Than Good.*"

FR. MAURICE INTRODUCES SPEAKERS

Father Maurice Costello, O.S.B., coach of the local debaters, after being introduced by the President of the Latrobe Club, made several preliminary remarks about debating activities at the College, before introducing Arthur Hartung as chairman of the debate. The four speakers of the non-decisional encounter, William Blackwood and Donald Cox of the affirmative, and Richard Whatton and Vincent Walsh of the negative, allowed the speeches to flow into a lighter vein, which made the at times fantastic arguments all the more interesting to the appreciative audience of charming women.

WHATTON OUTSTANDING

Dick Whatton, by his cleverly humorous rebuttal and by his continual references to "you intelligent women," perhaps established himself as the most interesting speaker of the evening in competition with several other outstanding speakers. The applause which greeted the debaters spoke eloquently of the Club's appreciation of the program.

O. HENRY STORY ENACTED

Entertaining as it was, the debate was only a part of the program offered by the collegians. The chairman, Arthur Hartung, enacted the famous O. Henry story, "Christmas by Injunction," in a creditable manner making the various characters of the mining town all appear realistically with his vivid impersonations.

Before the debate began, the local debaters enjoyed a delicious dinner with members of the club, and at the close of the program each of the speakers was presented with a deck of bridge cards in a handsome case.

ALUMNI DIRECTORY

By the Reverend Gerard Bridge, O.S.B.
Secretary-Treasurer of the St. Vincent Alumni Association

IT IS OUR PURPOSE to publish in each succeeding issue of the JOURNAL a list of our Alumni who have entered one of the Learned Professions, such as Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, or Teaching. To this list, we propose to add the names of those Alumni who hold honorable and responsible positions, such as Presidents of Banks, Tellers, Accountants, Insurance Agents, Musicians, and like positions. In doing this, our purpose is twofold: (1) That the members of these professions may become known to their fellow-Alumni in these professions; and (2) That these professional men may become known to other Alumni who, in time of need, may seek with confidence the aid of a brother Alumnus and obtain the benefit of his professional knowledge. In other words, our purpose is that the Alumni may be mutually helpful to one another.

In compiling this list, the Secretary of the Alumni Association seeks the generous help and hearty co-operation of all the Alumni. And the Alumni can render generous help in this way. If, for example, you are engaged in the Teaching Profession, write the names of all the Alumni in that profession in your City, Town, or District, giving their addresses, the schools in which they teach, the branches they teach, and the Degrees that they hold, and send them immediately to the Secretary of the Alumni Association. If you are a Lawyer, a Physician, a Dentist, a Pharmacist, etc., write the names and addresses of all the Alumni in your City, Town, or District in that profession, and send them to the Secretary of the Alumni Association.

Already the Secretary has listed over two hundred names of Alumni in the Learned Professions, and he wishes to give you the assurance that your aid and co-operation will help to make his record more complete and informative, and will ensure the entry of your name and the names of your fellow-Alumni among very HONORABLE COMPANY. He wishes to give the further assurance that this ALUMNI DIRECTORY will be the most prized column in the JOURNAL the one most eagerly sought and carefully read, and the one that will be most highly treasured by the thousands of Alumni into whose hands this record may fall.

In this issue we shall give the names of our Alumni who hold honorable and responsible positions in the ranks of the Hierarchy and the Clergy.

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THE EDITOR SAYS

American journalism dropped to a new low, something that was hitherto thought to be impossible, with the recent events leading up to the abdication of King Edward VIII. People with any semblance of good taste were thoroughly disgusted with the sordid publicity surrounding the royal romance.

And William Randolph Hearst's yellow journals, although the cheapest in their treatment, were not the only offenders. Apparently they took that shabby leader of shabby modern thought, H. L. Mencken, to heart when he exclaimed in journalistic glee, "It's the greatest headline story since the Resurrection." We can see the news value in the resignation of the king of the greatest empire on earth, but we say that news should be treated as news. When it comes to comparing Mrs. Simpson with Nell Gwynn, Madame Pompadour and the rest of the trash of history, we draw the line.

The maddening thing about it is the way in which W.R. Hearst treated the royal romance. That gentleman, who was labeled from the floor of the Senate as "conducting his newspaper on the same shabby plane as his own private life," seemed to get more fun out of it than any of the others. No man, whatever his position may be, should be the subject of such thinly veiled slander as that which has occupied the columns of our newspapers for the past three or four weeks. Little wonder that the king, sincere with his people and parliament to the end, should want to retire from the world.

We have often resented the European attitude toward "the American barbarians," but if our newspapers (and we mean the vast majority of them), are to be taken as a criterion, the word "Barbarian" seems extremely weak. Still, the editors of the daily rags were indignant when a London daily called our fourth estate "the gangster press of America." Looking back over the Lindbergh mess, the last two presidential campaigns, the Spanish-American war ballyhoo, etc., we wonder how anyone can dare to be insulted by this well put condemnation.

A German statesman once said, in the words of Phillip Gibbs, "The devil is a newspaper man, and his headquarters are in Paris." But to us he seems to be here in America, and we are fattening his foul maws with increasing circulation each day. For him the pen is most certainly mightier than the sword, for it inflicts a more ragged, maggotty wound than any cut steel could make.

To the student here, comparatively cloistered from the materialism which manifests itself in the commercial press as it does in most other things, the grim lesson may be brought home with greater intensity than to those outside. This single incident illustrates the extent to which Christian charity is being forgotten in the rush for personal aggrandizement on the part of our so-called leaders of today. Someday, in a very short time for some, our lives will be mixed in the ruthless scramble for that elusive thing called gain. We are, or should be, equipped to meet our problems with the Catholic philosophy of respect for the rights of others. Our moral success depends solely upon the extent to which we apply the theory we have learned.

Recognition Dance

The Freshman Recognition Dance will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the Penn Albert Hotel in Greensburg, with Art Giles providing the dance tunes. A committee headed by Albert Kalman promises to make the dance an even more stupendous affair than last year's.

Many New Volumes Now Available In Reference Library

Already splendidly equipped, the St. Vincent College library, under the direction of Fr. Aurelius, O.S.B., and Frater Fintan, O.S.B., is nevertheless showing steady improvement, with ninety or one hundred books having been recently added to its shelves.

The new books include 42 volumes in the fiction library and a number of outstanding works of both the novel and non-fiction classes. The novels include such well-known works as "Gone With the Wind," the current best seller by Margaret Mitchell, "Greater Love," by J. R. Oliver, "The Magnificent Obsession," by Lloyd C. Douglas, and "Coming of the Monster," by O. F. Dudley. The non-fiction books include, "Man, the Unknown," by Dr. Alexis Carrel, "The Creature Man," by James F. Barrett, "Characters of the Reformation," by Hillaire Belloc, "The Autobiography of Gilbert K. Chesterton," "Rim of Christendom," by Bishop Challoner, and other prominent books, 15 of which deal with Psychology.

Contributions to the library this year include a two-volume, Funk & Wagnalls dictionary, made and presented by the Archabbot, several sets of encyclopedias presented by Father John Angells, Johnstown, Pa., and a daily newspaper contributed by Father Cyprian, O.S.B.

Library hours are from 8:00 to 12:00 A.M. daily except Sunday, from 1:00 to 6:00 P.M. daily except Wednesday and Saturday, from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. daily except Saturday, and from 10:00 to 12:00 o'clock Sunday morning.

The fiction library in the Prep department, under direction of Fr. Fintan, O. S.B., is open to both college and Prep students every day between the hours of 11:00 and 11:30 A.M.

The 7,000–odd well-selected books of the college library afford a rare cultural opportunity to students, an opportunity which, happily, is generally appreciated by members of both the college and prep departments. The books are, at present, being catalogued according to the Dewey-Decimal system, by Fr. Aurelius and Fr. Fintan.

PREPITIS

Basketball is in the air with a vengeance!!! Father Norbert is walking around with a mysterious smile on his face, but every once in a while a frown darkens his brow.

When interviewed as to the Bearkitten basketball prospects, he could hardly restrain himself; his enthusiasm knew no bounds. Such phrases as, "Best team in years"; "We're going to run up a consecutive string of victories that will be unparalelled in the history of St. V."; "This is going to be the nattiest and finest equipped squad that it has been my pleasure to direct," etc., abounded.

The prepsters DO have something this year! Practically all of last year's aggregation is back, and there are several promising newcomers to boot.

Even we are getting infected with some of Father Norbert's enthusiasm for the team, so we had better let it drop with this prognostication, that if the embryo prep basketballers heed the advice of their coach and do not let their team become rent with internal dissension, that they will be a credit to St. Vincent.

Thanks a million to all the collegians who aided in making the Bearkitten raffle and bingo party a success. Although the number present fell below our expectations, nevertheless those that went a little out of their way to advance our noble cause deserve a hearty vote of appreciation.

BY THIS SHALL YE KNOW THEM

McDaniel—The Acme of generosity.

Weidenboerner—Bing Crosby's pride

Alex—Mike Angelo's under study.

Wells—Poopdeck Pappy's one and only twin.

Campbell—Up & Coming Braintruster.

Overheard in the Prefect's room: "It's pretty easy for Siamese twins to eat watermelon—one eats it and the other spits out the seeds."

Have we or haven't we got something on that LaBollita boy! He'd better walk small and keep up on his tribute payments or we are liable to do a little splurging in this column. Better be good to us, Bobby!!!

Turkey Drumsticks For All, Predicts Student Scientist In Biology Laboratory

BY ARTHUR F. HARTUNG

It was mid-night! The sovereign, Silence, reigned at S.V.C. Even the large windows in the corridors had ceased their rattling. The stillness was distrurbed by the metallic click of a door being opened; and the darkness was pierced by a beam of light in the biology laboratories. Foul play was in the offing!

Zacra N. Dress, "the mad scientist," closed the door from the inside and cautiously tip-toed to the inner offices of the lab. That look of ambition, possessed only by men who achieve greatness in the experimental sciences, shone like a beacon from the eyes of Zacra. Feverishly he took the book, MAN, THE UNKNOWN, from the shelf and paged through it, stopping at the chapter, "Cross-breeding."

SMOKE STIMULATES BRAIN

Then Mr. N. Dress did a very unconventional thing. Reaching into the lower left hand drawer of the desk, he helped himself to a Dry Schlitz, and, after lighting it, was convinced that it was correctly named.

Sitting back, Zacra blew a smoke screen behind which he did some very serious thinking. Cross-breeding! He MUST produce a hybrid! Hadn't the zoology prof said only yesterday that it was possible to cross almost any two species? Hadn't the prof himself crossed a mosquito with a lightning bug so that you could see the mosquito coming? Hadn't another great scientist crossed a wasp with a skull and cross-bones to give Death its sting? Hadn't another prof intimated that it would be comparatively easy to cross a rat with a JOURNAL staff member since both were of the same species??? Egad! Why couldn't the great Zacra N. Dress cross something besides his legs? Another Egad! Why couldn't this great mathematician and scientist write a book and call it "Mr. X." instead of "Man the Unknown"??? Why, huh? WHY???

SOLUTION IS FOUND

Suddenly Zacra started back. He was struck with an idea! EUREKA! It was so simple that the great wizard smiled to himself that he had not thought of it before. He had lived through 21 Thanksgivings, and the idea had never before even approached his MEDULLA OBLONGATA. Phooey, what a scientist!

But now he would astound civilization with his heretofore unheard of discovery. His name would be immortalized and become a byword for Thanksgiving. Zacra N. Dress, "the mad scientist," would cross the centipede with the turkey so that the entire family could have drumsticks!!!

ON ALL-OPPONENT TEAMS

The power of the 1936 Bearcat grid-iron machine was again brought to light when St. Bonaventure and Waynesburg Colleges published their all-opponent teams.

Thomas Lally, Francis Factor, Mike Sikora, Dino Amanati, Charlie Woods, Joe Seni, Larry Wesner and Skeets Jioio were the players to receive this high tribute.

Lally, Sikora and Factor were voted on the Bona's first string outfit. Woods, Seni, and Jioio were rated good enough to place on the second string.

To Dino Amanati most hearty congratulations must be given. The big tackle wal chosen by Waynesburg as a running mate for the great Ed Franco of Fordham. Considering that the Yellow Jackets played West Virginia U, Duquesne, Geneva, and W.Va. Wesleyan in addition to the Rams, Amanati certainly must be rated as one of the strongest tackles in the East.

Larry Wesner and Mike Sikora were placed on the second team, and Tom Lally received honorable mention.

Midnight Mass At St. Vincent

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to implant into the hearts of His people. A reference was made to the strife that exists today among nations and in nations, and the evils accruing from this strife. He called particular attention to and earnestly besought the congregation to assist the Pope in his needs by generous prayers offered to the Infant Saviour.

Midnight Mass Long Established

St. Vincent enjoys the distinction of being one of the first churches to celebrate midnight Mass in the diocese of Pittsburgh. A few years ago there were few churches that held this service, and it is only of recent date that churches throughout the diocese took to its celebration. But St. Vincent has had solemn midnight Mass since its beginning. People from all over the diocese come to assist at it. This year's celebration has witnessed friends of the members of the community who came as far distant as Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York to be present at the venerable custom of the Church.

Carolers Awake Community

Reminiscent of time-honored customs a group of the younger members of the community went about the monastery arousing all with cheerful Christmas carols. The German and English songs were sung in four voices. The cheer and gaiety of the songsters was spontaneous and contagious; the effect produced was sparkling.

Matins Precede Mass

At eleven o'clock the Community gathered in the Archabbey Church for the recitation of Matins. The Rt. Rev. Archabbot attended in choir dress. The Rev. Luke Davis, O.S.B., and the Ven. Fr. Reginald Buerkle, O.S.B., were the special chanters for the occasion. The twelve lessons of the office were sung in conformity with the chant of the Church. At St. Vincent it is a long-established custom to recite Matins in this fashion.

Many Functions Follow

Immediately after the midnight services and Mass the choir recited the office of Lauds. Later in the morning several High Masses added to the dignity of the solemnity. In the afternoon the Rt. Rev. Archabbot pontificated at solemn Vespers.

Pith & Patter

Our abject apologies to Mich. "Moose" Giba. In the rush of getting out this column before the Thanksgiving vacation we forgot our editorial policy of keeping Moose in the collegiate spotlight. For three years, 44 issues of the JOURNAL, we devoted at least several lines to that prominent figure. Alas, we forgot him, the greatest event of his young life. We slipped up on his twenty-first birthday. For three days Mike refused to speak to the editors and only after prevailing on his bosom friend to remonstrate with him did he break the icy chill. Again, our abject apologies.

Post Mortem

We wager that two Seton Hill ladies were oh so surprised when a certain Mr. Kelley and Mr. Sheeran bobbed up on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 13. And again we wager that Shaker and Evans would have given up dessert for a month to be there.

Axt reached the age of reason just before Christmas. He celebrated his 21st birthday by buying his first legal beer. The N. J. Zioncheck has sort of left the matter go to his head. Formerly he meekly approached the bar and almost pleadingly asked for a beer; but now he slouches up like a veteran and demands the golden liquid.

M. John Danneker, demon reporter with the Brisbane complex, asks us to advertise the fact that he had lost a black notebook. The JOURNAL charges for space but instead of going through the useless procedure of billing him, we offer this:

Walsh (in discussion with M. J.): "But that is merely platitudinous."

Danneker: "I don't care if it is platitudinous or longitudinous,; I still say I'm right."

Ken Evans was so soured by some of the slants on the Wally-Eddie affair that he came out with the following: "I'm a very romantic fellow at heart, and I won't stand for you boys destroying my illusions."

Personalities In Who's Who

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GROUP OF 25 REPORTED FOR BASKETBALL SQUAD

EIGHT VETERANS RETURN

With the return of eight veterans and seventeen additional candidates, the St. Vincent Bearcat Basketball team began practice for the 1936–37 season on the Armory floor in Latrobe, December 3. A hard, seventeen game schedule has been made with three new opponents on the card: Glenville, W & J., and Grove City. It is hoped that the power shown by the Gold and Green in its last game of the '36 season against Waynesburg will return with the opening game and give them a more successful year. It will be remembered that th victory overe Waynesburg brought the Bearcats over the 500 mark with a record of 9 victories and 8 defeats.

From the club that represented the Bearcats last season only four men have been lost: Con Downey, Charlie Wexlin, Mike Giba, and Chuck McKenna. Of these men only Downey was a starter.

The veterans returning include Ken Evans, who for the past two seasons has led the Gold and Green in scoring; Frank Factor, playing his fourth and final year at guard; Charlie "Pop" Woods, who ranked third in scoring last year behind Evans and Factor; Larry Wesner, the tallest man on the squad, playing his last season at the center position; and "Jaggers" Bruner, who alternated at the forward post with Downey. Pete Wiater, Frank Lally, and "Angel" Nath, dependable reserves who saw considerable service during the last season, also returned and may oust one or more of the regulars from their berths.

The new men who have survived Coach Gene Edward's first cut, are: Brown, Shea, Proctor, Strosser, Keffer, Curtin, Boyle, Bonadio, and Swansinger.

Seminarian Vacation Extended

Contrary to reports in the last issue of the JOURNAL, the Seminarians began their Christmas vacation on Tuesday, Dec. 22, not on Dec. 18, when the College and Prep School began their breathing spell. Collegians and Prepsters will return to the classroom on Monday, Jan. 4, while the Seminarians' vacation will be extended an additional week till Jan. 11.

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